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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Jager, *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1781

Application No.: 09/747,850

Examiner: H. F. Pratt

Filed: December 21, 2000

Confirmation No.: 4425

For: **ENCAPSULATED MULTIFUNCTIONAL  
BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE FOOD  
COMPONENT, PROCESS FOR ITS  
PRODUCTION AND ITS USE**

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Charlotte, North Carolina  
March 3, 2004

Sir:

In response to the non-Final Office Action mailed December 4, 2003, applicants kindly request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants are submitting herewith a Declaration under 37 CFR § 1.132, executed by the first named inventor (the "Inventor Declaration").

Kindly amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.